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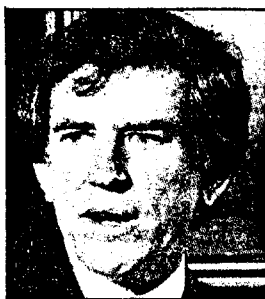
INQUIRY

Topic: RATING THE DEBATE

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USA TODAY asked several well-known Americans of both parties about their reactions to the foreign policy debate between President Reagan and Walter Mondale held Sunday in Kansas City. The interviews were conducted by members of the Opinion Page staff.



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Walter Mondale was clearly the winner. He again demonstrated his command of the facts, in clear contrast to the president, who once again showed confusion about his own policies.

Probably the most revealing interchange was when the president was asked about the recently dis-

covered CIA booklet on how to commit acts of terrorism and assassination.

The president was clearly confused about the CIA's role in Central America, prompting again the question of whether he is leading our nation's foreign policy or is being led.

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The debate underscored the administration's incapacities in achieving a meaningful beginning in arms controls and reductions negotiations. There has been a fundamental misunderstanding of basic fact, such as the nature of missile deployment on land and sea, the actual number of Soviet missiles

and their deployment and who really rejected the so-called "walk in the woods" formula proposed by Ambassador Paul Nitze at the INF negotiations.

It is clear that the administration has made serious foreign policy errors in Lebanon and in Central America. The president admitted that the CIA is actively engaged within Nicaragua. That demonstrated the need for a full congressional investigation of the CIA's activities in that region.

His assertion that the only opposition to the Marcos regime in the Philippines is that of the communists is an insult to the courage of the Aquino family and the integrity of Cardinal Jaime Sin among millions of non-communist opponents of the Marcos tyranny.

The president must be held accountable. The image has been breached. I believe the debate will benefit Vice President Mondale.

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